



Big 3 Deliver Notes To Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 23. The United States, France, and Britain delivered notes to Russia today which opened a new cycle in nearly three months of discussion on whether there will be another four power Foreign Ministers Council.

The French Ambassador, M. Yves Chataignier, called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, by the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. J. Nichols, and the US Charge d'Affaires, Mr. W. W. Rusk.

The notes were replies to a Russian note of December 30 declaring willingness to join in a preliminary conference to agree on an agenda for a big four meeting but insisting that the question of German disarmament be the "first and foremost" business.

Russia originally proposed a big four meeting last November 3. At that time she said the Prague declaration on German disarmament and unity by Russian and other East European Foreign Ministers should be the basis of discussions.

NO COMMENT

The Western powers replied on December 22 that they were willing to negotiate, but that all the questions causing tension between Russia and the Western nations should be taken up, not just Germany.

The Western embassies refused comment tonight on the contents of their latest communications.

(Informal sources in London said the replies asked Russia to clarify whether she is insisting that the proposed big four meeting take up German questions exclusively, or whether she is willing to open up a wider field of subjects.)

The Soviet press has been charging that the Western powers do not want a four power conference and are only seeking to obstruct and delay it by these preliminary exchanges. —Associated Press.

Hospital Ship Sails For Korea

Copenhagen, Jan. 23. The Julandia, Denmark's hospital ship to aid U.N. forces in Korea, sailed from Copenhagen today. —Associated Press.

Must Switch To Chinese

Hongkong, Jan. 24. All employees of the American-owned Shanghai Power Company, which was taken over by the Chinese authorities last month, must stop using English in their business communications and substitute Chinese, the Shanghai News reported.

The company was ordered to continue generating and distributing electricity under the supervision of Chinese personnel. The newspaper report admitted that the change-over would involve a certain amount of difficulty. It quoted one Chinese stenographer as saying, "I don't know how to handle a Chinese typewriter, but I can learn." —United Press.

Philippines Safe For Investment

H.K. TRADERS TOLD

Manila, Jan. 24. The Secretary of Finance, Mr. Pio Pedrosa, told the Hongkong trade mission last night that "there is no safer country" for investment than the Philippines, "which is entering the period of greatest growth and opportunity."

Mr. Pedrosa, who was guest of honor at the trade mission dinner at Manila Hotel, said opportunities for investment in the Philippines far outweighed the risks because in the final analysis "the safest place for capital is in those areas where democracy shows determination to defeat the false promises of Communism."

"We are determined to prove to the world the performance of democracy is better than the false promises of Communism," he added.

He emphasized that the Philippine economy was basically strong.

Mr. Robert Der, leader of the Hongkong mission, said his group had been impressed by the opportunities of investment here. He indicated that definite investment plans would soon be formulated.

Mission members told the United Press of a plan to establish a knitting factory in the Philippines which would produce such articles as sweaters. A textile plant may also be established here by Hongkong interests. —United Press.

STREET FIGHTING IN YONGWOL

Tokyo, Jan. 24. Allied forces fought in the streets of Yongwol on Tuesday with Korean Communists who are trying to turn the east end of the United Nations defense line in barren Central Korea.

While ground action along the rest of the front dropped off to its lowest point in several weeks, 33 US Thunderjets tangled with 18 to 28 Russian made jets in what the Air Force labelled history's greatest jet air battle.

Without being touched by an enemy bullet, the Thunderjets shot down at least four Red MIG-15s in a 30-minute melee over northwest Korea's Yalu River boundary. One more MIG was probably destroyed and four others were damaged.

While the fighting raged in Yongwol, the enemy showed no willingness to fight in the Wonju sector, 31 air miles to the north-west.

For the sixth time in seven days an Allied task force paced by tanks on Tuesday overran Wonju and secured its frozen rice paddy runways. They went on and seized battered Wonju itself.

Then a US tank patrol stabbed five miles north of Central Korea's key highway hub without finding a Communist concentration willing to fight.

Wonju—a battered no man's land—has been the scene of

vicious see-saw fighting for the last two weeks.

A military spokesman announced that "all of Wonju" still was in Allied hands. This indicated the Eighth Army task force intended to stay there until further orders.

DISCOURAGING

The persistent Allied push into Wonju plainly was discouraging a Communist build-up for an offensive through that key gateway to the road-rail network to the south.

Southeast of Wonju, however, the US Seventh Division and other Allied units were kept busy stamping out groups of Korean Reds filtering southward into the valleys.

The tungsten mining town of Yongwol was the key to this southward flanking movement by the Reds.

Details were lacking on the street fighting there. Associated Press correspondent Tom Bradshaw said "an underground number" of North Koreans were fighting inside Yongwol. Another Communist build-up was in progress around Andong, 54 miles north of Taeju, the pivot point of the old Pusan perimeter.

About 2,500 Reds in guerrilla and infiltrating bands were reported around Andong, which is about 70 air miles southeast of Wonju.

The interior railway town of Tanyang, some 19 miles southwest of Yongwol, also was exposed to a flanking threat of two sizable Red forces—one of 2,000 Korean Reds and another of 1,000. —Associated Press.

AREA SECURED

On the Central Front, Jan. 24. Allied forces which secured Wonju and Wonju airstrip on Tuesday moved out of the area on Tuesday night withdrawing southeast.

For the past several days an Allied battalion had moved into Wonju by day and withdrawn to more tenable positions by night. Following a brief firefight with 75 to 100 North Koreans east of Wonju on Tuesday the battalion occupied three strategic hills and secured the area.

Then a UN patrol pushed five miles north of Wonju without encountering any enemy. Allied patrols scouted the Wonju area on Tuesday night. A UN patrol nine miles east of Wonju was fired on by three enemy troops during the night. Two of the enemy were killed.

Fifty hundred North Koreans, including 500 women volunteers, were reported seven miles south of Yongwol on January 19, the Army said today. This force was said to contain elements of the 2nd, 3rd and 11th North Korean divisions.

On January 22, 80 North Korean officers were reported in the same area.

South of Tanyang on Tuesday, 50 enemy troops were engaged by a UN patrol and nine prisoners were taken. While returning to its base, the patrol ran into another enemy force and at 9 a.m. sent out a call for reinforcements. There was no further report on this action.

Southwest of Tanyang on Tuesday, another Allied patrol contacted an unknown number of enemy and took two prisoners. —United Press.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

London, Jan. 23. One hundred and twenty British officers and men were killed in the Korean war up to January 20, the Minister of War, Mr. John Strachey, told the House of Commons today. He said thirty-six were wounded and 231 are missing. —Associated Press.

Red Cross Drive

Washington, Jan. 23. Puerto Rican and Philippine women's organizations in the capital are organizing their women folk to volunteer their services for Red Cross work.

Mrs. Carlos P. Romulo, wife of the Philippine Foreign Secretary, is directing a campaign to get Philippine women in Washington to volunteer their services. Twenty-five volunteers were recruited from the Philippine American Women's Association and from the Philippine Embassy. —United Press.

A Call To Austerity

Biloxi, Missisippi, January 23.

A return to four-sock underwear was suggested today as a means of helping to conserve cotton for defense production needs.

"Every 100-pound bag salvaged for clothing purposes represents one and one-third yards of cotton cloth released for essential military duty," said Mr. N. C. Blackburn, member of the National Cotton Council sales promotion committee.

He addressed a cotton industry leaders' meeting here to discuss ways of meeting the government's goal of 16,000,000 bales this year. He said, "A homemaker who sews with cotton bags in face of mobilization restrictions is parallel to planting, growing and processing of cotton for other vital purposes." —United Press.

French Police & Troops Alerted

Paris, Jan. 23.

France tonight alerted 6,500 police and thousands more bayonet-carrying soldiers to prevent a Communist demonstration scheduled for late tomorrow against General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The French government has outlawed the demonstration. The Communists, however, announced their determination to go ahead. Reliable sources said Moscow had rapped French party members across the knuckles for the fanning of anti-Eisenhower manifestations here when the General flew to Europe two weeks ago, and ordered them to try again.

Interior Ministry officials ordered mobilization of all available police and militia in the Paris area.

Units of the tough, riot-seasoned Republican Security Guard were ordered to duty tomorrow night in the area of the Arc de Triomphe, near which stands the General's temporary offices as Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE). The offices are in the Hotel Astoria.

UNCONCERNED

Gen. Eisenhower, who returned to Paris today from Frankfurt, appeared unconcerned about the Communist threats. He held a series of staff conferences, visited Versailles and received Field Marshal Lord Montgomery.

French authorities, however, were frankly worried about the possibility of a riot. Two streets in the immediate area are under repair, with huge piles of bricks and paving blocks lying about.

"That's their ammunition," an official said.

The Communists set the demonstration for 6 p.m., a time when factory workers can show up without losing money for absence from their jobs.

One hazard the police face is that any street blockade would virtually paralyze rush hour traffic for the city's whole west end. The Arc de Triomphe is a traffic bottleneck for that side of Paris, including half a dozen populous suburbs. —Associated Press.

Huks In Luzon Scattered

Manila, Jan. 24.

Army Headquarters officers said Government forces have scattered Communist Hukbalahap forces toward the mountains and away from the first six days of a campaign to drive them out of Luzon.

Officers said troops, employing guerrilla tactics themselves, have broken Huk units up into small groups.

Field reports said 17 Huks were killed yesterday in an encounter with elements of the 14th Battalion Combat Team in the Sierra Madre mountains of Quezon Province. One soldier was reported killed and another wounded. —Associated Press.

Another Cease-Fire Appeal To Peking Thought Likely

Arab-Asian Group Giving Subject Consideration

Lake Success, Jan. 23.

The 12-nation Arab-Asian group in the United Nations was reported today considering another cease-fire appeal to Communist China.

Encouraged by what members of the group considered concessions by Peking, these delegates were said to believe it would be worth risking another rebuff by Communist China to dispatch this appeal. It would be the fourth formal cease-fire plea. Three earlier attempts have not ended the fighting.

The group was called into session tonight to study another appeal and to decide whether it wants to put before the 60-nation UN Political Committee tomorrow afternoon a resolution creating a seven-member negotiating committee and attempting to arrange a cease-fire.

Attempt To Heal The Rift

Lake Success, Jan. 23.

The United States and Britain held a conference today in an attempt to heal the growing rift about condemning Communist China made apparent in the Prime Minister, Clement Attlee's statement to the House of Commons.

Mr. Ernest Gross, deputy chief of the United States mission to the United Nations, sought out Sir Gladwyn Jebb, head of the British delegation at Lake Success, for private talks in New York early in the afternoon.

Mr. Attlee said Britain would agree to condemn Red China for acting "in support of aggression" but made it clear that Britain was not ready to consider further steps such as sanctions against Peking.

The United States which is pushing the "aggressor" resolution against Red China in the United Nations' main Political Committee, has not yet asked directly for sanctions. Its resolution however asked the Committee to report as soon as possible on "measures" to meet the Chinese Communist intervention in Korea.

Mr. Attlee also said that as he saw it, there was a general desire among the countries of Asia "that we must patiently pursue every possibility of a peaceful settlement with China so that the emerging China may be given an opportunity, should she so desire, to play her part in the community of nations on equal terms with other members."

The Asian-Arab group was urgently considering today how best to capitalize on the new opening for negotiation provided by the Chinese Communist concessions revealed by the Indian delegation yesterday.

FURTHER APPROACH?

Highly-informed sources revealed that the 12-nation group was considering:

1. Whether to press now for adoption of their long-standing proposals for a seven-nation conference on outstanding issues.

2. If not, whether to ask Peking for still further clarification of its terms in view of the spate of additional questions and doubts raised by Peking's latest list of conditions.

3. Whether to ask the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, to release the text of the query to Mao Tse-tung that elicited the latest definition of the Communist leader's stand.

The last course was demanded in a speech yesterday by Mr. Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, who left the Asian-Arab bloc during its pre-Christmas mediation efforts because of his opposition to the proposal of a seven-nation parley.

Mr. Romulo also asked why Peking could not address its communications directly to the United Nations instead of channeling them through the Indians.

The energetic Filipino delegate was engaged in a series of consultations aimed at breaking the unity of the rest of the Asian-Arab group. There appeared a good chance he could swing the support of the Lebanon, Iraq and perhaps one or two others to the United States' "aggressor" resolution. —United Press.

16 Die In Air Crash

Arequipa, Peru, Jan. 23.

The Army announced tonight that search parties had found the charred wreckage of a missing DC-3 military air transport north of here with all 16 occupants burned beyond recognition.

The plane disappeared on Saturday on a 500-mile flight from Lima to the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa. The Army said the wreckage was found on a barren hill near the locality of Charia, 300 miles south of Lima. It said the plane apparently cracked up and burned as it attempted an emergency landing in the desert.

The plane carried the body of a Peruvian Army officer. Among the passengers were six relatives of the deceased who were accompanying the body for burial at Juliana in southeastern Peru. —United Press.

Govt Called To Task

Accused By Paper Of Hoarding Gold

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Jan. 23.

The British Government, according to some financial experts, is falling into the mistake of hoarding gold for its own sake.

"It is time we took down the bunting and stopped congratulating one another on the marvellous rise in British gold reserves," says the financial editor of the Manchester Guardian today in an article attacking the Government's gold hoarding policy.

The constant harping on the need for still larger gold reserves is beginning to look like a revival of the fetishism with which gold was regarded a generation ago, he says.

While we are "purring" over the inflow of gold, American Treasury officials are getting worried about the outflow of gold from the United States.

"But the Americans have not wasted their gold on good living," he goes on. "They have got vast stocks of raw materials in exchange—partly at very reasonable prices. What have we got? A heap gold...."

He estimates it will cost Britain \$500,000,000 to buy up our stocks of food and raw materials to their pre-devaluation level. —London Express Service.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Peking Makes A Gesture

IT may be premature to regard the latest Peking proposals concerning a cease-fire in Korea as proof positive that the Chinese Communists are prepared to soften their attitude, but the world is entitled to accept them as a gesture in the right direction. Hitherto the biggest stumbling block to even the possibility of negotiations has been Peking's refusal to consider a cease-fire until other problems have been discussed. Now the Chinese Communists intimate they are prepared to share in a cease-fire arrangement "for a limited period" to enable a seven-nation conference to tackle other questions of a political nature. It is a welcome change in attitude if only because it strengthens the confidence of those nations who, from the beginning, have argued that the problem created by the intervention of Chinese Communists in Korea can be settled by negotiation, and can be prevented from spreading into a wider military conflict. But if Peking has opened a door a little wider, the fundamental issues at stake are not the less difficult. Peking is making settlement in Korea dependent on a satisfactory (from Communist China's point of view) treatment of questions such as Peking's status in the United Nations and the future of Formosa. Recognition by the United Nations of the Chinese Communists as the proper representatives of the country is not an insurmountable problem, but the question of Formosa fairly bristles with difficulties, not made any the easier by the declaration this week that the United States considers the future of Formosa as being of key importance to the security of America. This can mean much or little according to the interpretation the State Department accords such a policy statement. But it

does nothing to smooth the way for round-table negotiations, especially as the United States figures as one of the negotiating parties suggested by Peking to deal with this and other current Far East problems. Discernible in the latest Peking proposals, however, are mild concessions concerning procedure which might well lead to substantial results. For instance the Chinese Communists are not now insisting that the future of Formosa should be settled before or even simultaneously with the problem of Korea; likewise Peking does not, in its latest communication, demand that admission of Communist China into the United Nations shall precede negotiations on other issues. It will become important, however, to know what sort of time limit the Chinese Communists have in mind for a cease-fire in Korea inasmuch as this will largely govern the practicability of settling the other points at issue. It must be admitted that the new Peking proposals do not go a long way towards easing the tension. Nevertheless the gesture, such as it is, cannot be disregarded. The way is open for a further exchange of views. The ruling consideration remains: nothing must be left undone that will lead to a settlement by negotiation, so long as that settlement does not involve the sacrifice of United Nations principles. Mr. Attlee expresses majority opinion when he says that to consider further measures against Communist China at this time implies that all hope has been abandoned of reaching a peaceful settlement, "and this we have not done." That is a sentiment echoed by all who desire to see an amicable and mutually satisfactory settlement brought about in the Far East.

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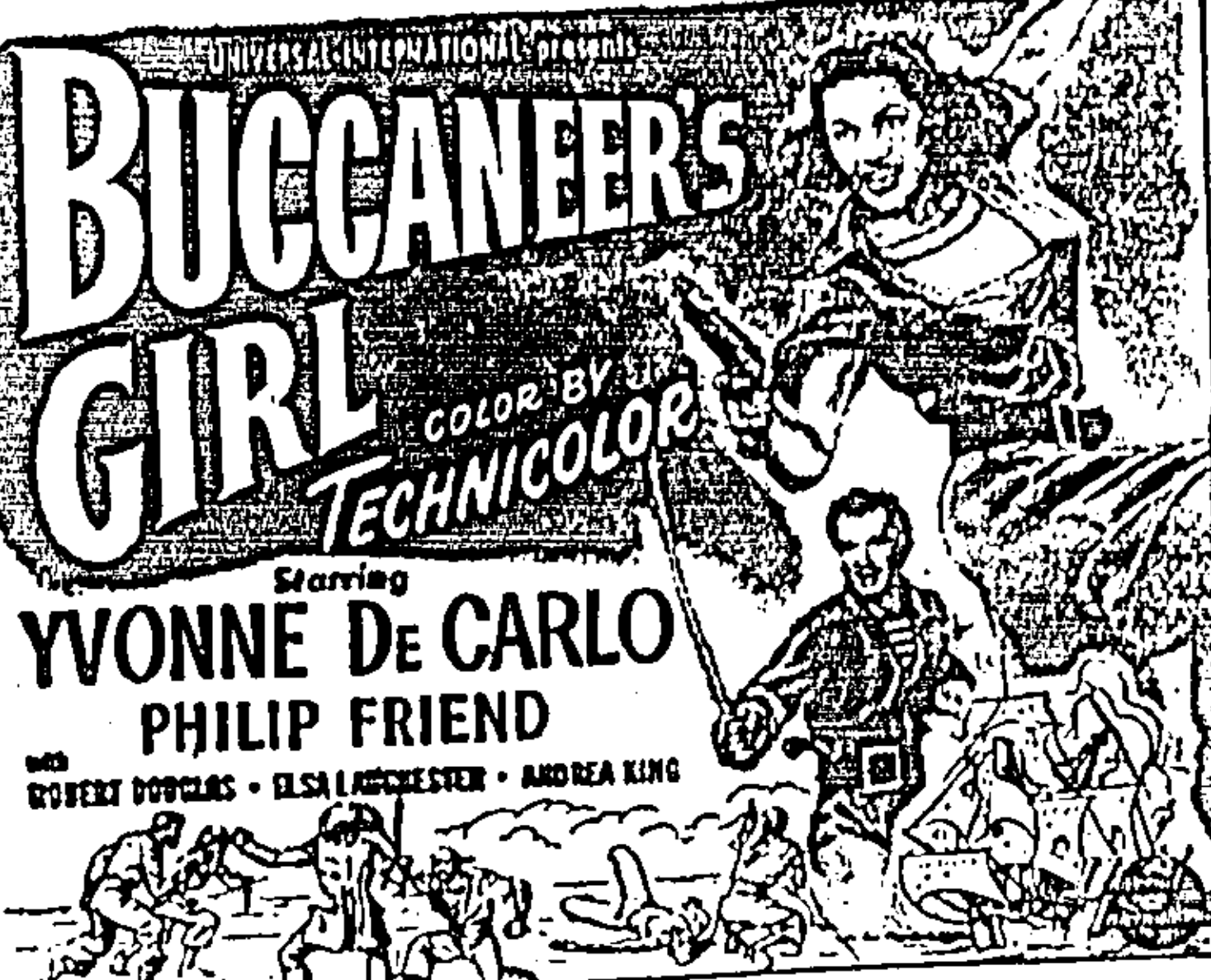
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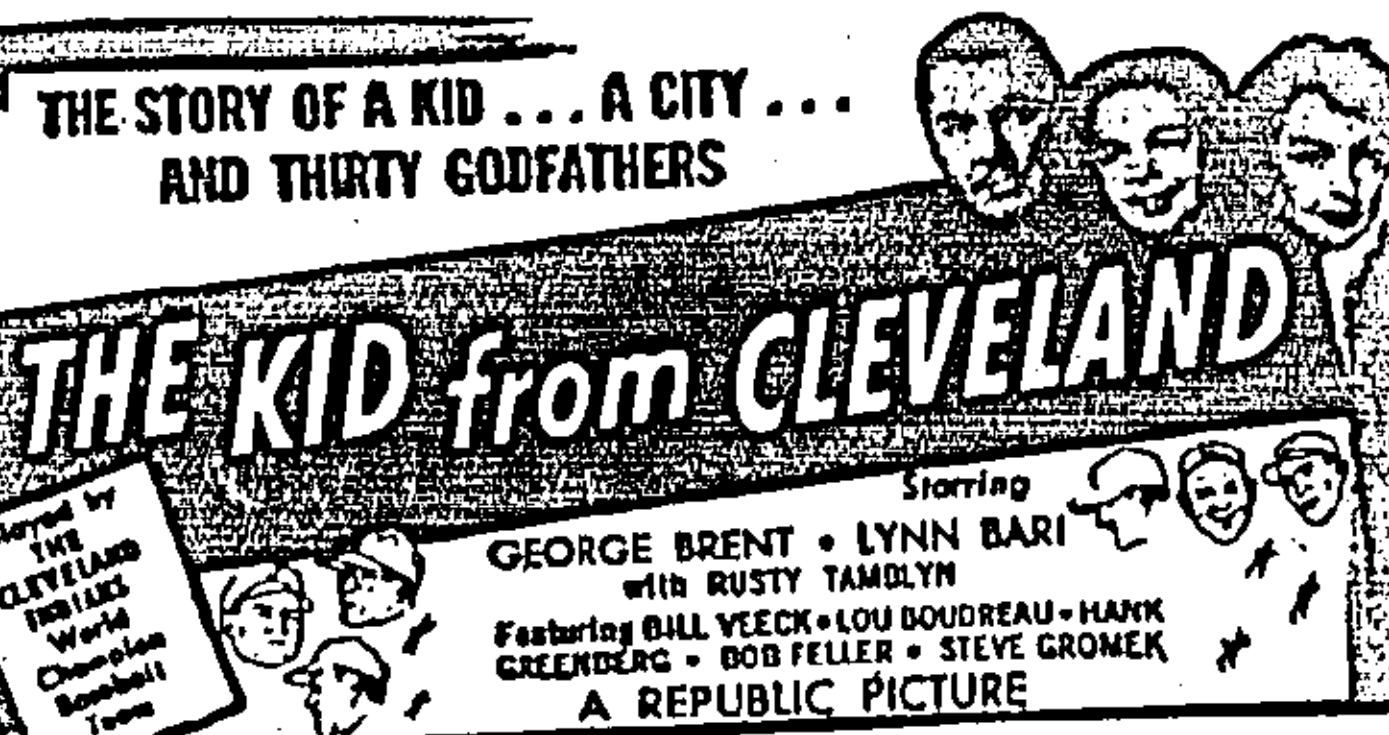
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Vote For Cease-fire In United Nations



Photo shows the U.N. Political Committee approving by a vote of 50 to 7 another peace bid to Communist China based on an immediate cease-fire in Korea, followed by Big Power talks on Far Eastern problems. Warren Austin (left) of the U.S. and Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Great Britain are shown voting for the plan, whilst Russia's Jacob Malik (right) looks on. Russia and her satellites voted against the plan. (London Express Service).

Observers Puzzled By Quiet In Korea

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

Surprise Move In U.S. Senate

Washington, Jan. 23.
 The Senate in a surprise move today referred to two of its committees the resolution to give Congress a voice in sending American troops abroad. This apparently cleared the way for President Truman to proceed with the incorporation of American units into the new Atlantic army. — United Press.

LISA HEBO CUSTODY UNSOLVED

New York, Jan. 23.
 Howard Ordman, attorney for Mrs. Eleanor Phelps Hebo, said today that the decision of the Copenhagen court to grant custody of 11-year-old Lisa Hebo to the Danish engineer Halfdan Hebo would not get him out of jail. Hebo has been in a New York jail for the past 11 months for contempt of court as he refused to bring Lisa to the United States pending settlement of custody between him and his pretty television star wife. Ordman said the fact that the Danish court had granted Hebo custody of the child did not change the position. Hebo was sent to prison by the County Superior Judge, Bernard Botkin, when he refused to send Lisa to New York after having flown her to Denmark without the judge's knowledge in September 1949. Mr. Botkin said he had "no comment" on the Copenhagen ruling and that he could not comment on anything pertaining to the case. He said the Danish court's decision had no bearing whatever on Hebo's case here. — United Press.

GENERAL RESIGNS

The Hague, Jan. 23.
 General Hendrik Kruls resigned today as Chief of Staff of the Dutch Army and chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, it was announced today. — United Press.

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Independent military observers in Tokyo tonight favoured the customary slow Communist build-up technique as the most likely explanation for the Chinese Communist and North Korean inactivity during the last fortnight.

Other suggested reasons were that China's decision to offer cease-fire terms was preceded by orders to field commanders to hold back, or it is an attempt to trap the United Nations forces into rash advances out of good defensive positions.

The Chinese Communists were notorious in the civil war for their very slow follow-up after a victory, as illustrated by the five months' lull before the Communists entered Canton, though there were virtually no Nationalist forces opposing them.

To this must be added the great difficulties of supplying front line troops along the Korean road system under the constant observation and battering of Allied air power, and the fact that the Communist supply system became more and more exposed as the Chinese Communists moved south.

The Communists were also facing difficulties getting the men themselves forward under air attack, even though United Nations Air Force claims of casualties—the last estimate was 60,000 Communists killed and wounded in two months—may have been unintentionally exaggerated, these observers stated.

Food—though the Communists need little compared to the Western armies—must all be hauled from the rear areas since Central Korea, where the front lines are now established, had been fought over three times and had been stripped bare.

THIRD POSSIBILITY

The Communists are poorly equipped to meet the sub-zero temperatures and are also known to be losing men from exposure, further delaying the build-up.

Observers stated that these difficulties might influence Peking to explore the advantages to be gained from political moves preceded by cease-fire proposals.

A third possibility, that the Chinese Communists were again using "featherbed" tactics to draw the United Nations into over-confident here.

During punches by compact armoured United Nations columns in the last two or three days have succeeded in puncturing the Communist defences with no great difficulty, but each time the task force quickly pulled out to avoid being enveloped by Communists who began closing in on either side of the escape route.

The Communists have not been able to snap shut the trap in each case because of the Allied commanders' awareness of the danger. — Reuter.

Jap Banker In U.S. Talks

Washington, Jan. 23.
 Hisato Ichimada, Governor of the Bank of Japan, today paid a brief courtesy call on the Secretary of Defence, Mr. George Marshall, at the Pentagon. He was accompanied by Joseph Dodge, Detroit banker who is financial consultant to General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo. Ichimada arrived in Washington on Monday for a visit during which he will talk with American officials on Japan's economy. — United Press.

CHINESE REDS HATED, SAYS N. KOREAN SERGEANT'S STORY OF LIFE BEHIND LINES

(By WARREN WHITE)

Central Korea, Jan. 23.

A North Korean sergeant, who was captured here, today told Reuter that most North Koreans believed the United Nations forces would eventually win the Korean war.

He said that the North Korean "human sea" tactics must eventually fail against the United Nations superior fire power. The sergeant said that most North Korean troops liked the Russians and the Americans but hated the Chinese Communists.

He did not think the Chinese Communists were taking an active part in the present Communist fighting.

Sergeant Kim Yong Chan, aged 22, from a tiny village north of the Communist capital of Pyongyang, was a rice farmer before he joined the Army in 1948.

He said today, as he smoked an American cigarette and drank hot coffee: "This is the happiest day for me in the last three years. If you let me go right now I would not go back."

He told a tale of cold misery, sickness and constant fear behind the enemy lines. He estimated that more than half of some regiments were sent back to hospitals and "sick camps" suffering from frostbite and sickness caused by exposure before they could be put into action.

Kim said that the troops never lit fires for fear of observation from the air.

AIRCRAFT FEAR
 He said: "The aeroplanes worry us most. As soon as we hear them coming we run and hide. I have seen your jelled gasoline bombs landing among troops. It is a horrible and fearful sight."

"Some of our men are brave and do not hide from the aeroplanes, but they get killed sure enough."

He said he had not seen a Chinese Communist soldier since he was in Manchuria late in November.

Asked why he hated the Chinese Communists, Kim could not give a definite answer. "We just hate them. We always have nationally. We do not mind the Japanese so much in comparison. We like the Russians. They look just like your United Nations forces. We have no particular dislike of Americans or English either."

Sergeant Kim said that he was a member of a company of

about 200 men ordered to infiltrate through the United Nations lines and make their way south.

His men were to operate as guerrillas, cutting the main supply routes and slowing down the United Nations supplies. He was captured by American troops assisted by a South Korean interpreter. There was a dawn fog on No-Man's-Land. Sergeant Kim was wandering through it when he heard a voice shout to him: "Come on over, we are North Koreans."

When Kim went over to the men in the trenches, he was captured by the American patrol. He said he was lucky to be captured because as soon as the fog lifted American fighter aircraft came over and dropped jelled gasoline bombs on the remainder of his company, killing 50 of them.

Kim said that the constant fear of air attack and shelling played on the nerves of the North Korean troops. — Reuter.

CRITICISM OF TACTICS

Kim said that the American troops outwitted one squad of North Korean infiltrators at their own game. He explained how they had infiltrated by following a trail defined by straw symbols dropped in the snow by pioneer scouts.

Each squad followed its own figure eight or a circle. An American patrol, finding a trail of straw symbols, replaced them along a different trail leading into a carefully prepared ambush.

Kim had only one main criticism of the United Nations forces' tactics. "They let us move around in the hills. They keep to the roads all the time. If they played the guerrilla tactics more then we would not have a chance." — Reuter.

Peking Radio Reports Good Harvest

San Francisco, Jan. 23.

Peking Radio reported tonight that China's grain output in 1950 was 10.1 million tons more than the 1949 harvest. The total was 120 million tons — sufficient "for every man, woman and child in the country."

The Radio said that Shanghai, Canton and other coastal cities, which used to depend mainly on imported rice, would be adequately supplied from home stocks.

The cotton crop also rose by 260,000 tons in comparison with 1949. This was 20 per cent better than the pre-war annual average and was enough to keep spindles working all year, the broadcast said.

"Last year's harvest means much to China's young industry, providing it with a home market never previously known," the broadcast continued.

"Peasants have never bought such quantities of manufactured goods as now. They are buying machine-spun fabrics instead of home-spun cloth. Cigarettes from factories are ousting crude tobacco. Toilet soap, electric flashlight, bicycles and other goods, which were formerly luxuries in the small districts, are now in great demand." — Reuter.

Bosphorus To Be Bridged

Geneva, Jan. 23.

The Turkish Government is actually considering the construction of a suspension bridge across the Bosphorus to be completed about 1960. It was announced here today by Mr. Orhan Cemal Merdini, the Assistant Director General of Highways.

Mr Merdini said that discussions with the Istanbul authorities were begun three weeks ago and it was decided that traffic must attain a figure of 15,000 vehicles a day to make the bridge worthwhile.

The site of the proposed bridge had not yet been chosen but it was estimated that it would be from one mile to a mile and a half long.

Disclosure of the proposed bridge came at the end of a conference held here under the Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on International Roads, which recommended the addition of more than 3,000 miles of Turkish roads to the existing network of 33,000 miles of European roads.

Turkey would be linked with the existing European road network by means of a bridge across the river frontier between Greece and Turkey. — Reuter.

Arabs Denounce Libya Assembly

Tripoli, Jan. 23.

Five thousand Arabs marched to the United Nations Headquarters in Tripoli today to demonstrate against the Libyan National Assembly. They denounced it as failing to represent Libyans in Tripolitania.

The Assembly is preparing a Constitution for Libya when the country becomes independent in 1952. — Reuter.

By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

More Avalanches Threaten Fresh Disaster In Alps

London, Jan. 23.

More avalanches threatened fresh disasters today in the Alpine valleys where the three-day "white terror" had already claimed at least 252 dead, 105 seriously injured and 12 missing.

Frontier guards posted along the mountain ridges separating Italy, Austria and Switzerland reported temperatures above zero in many places with melting snow in a menacing movement.

The final toll, it was feared, would surpass all the present estimates when contact was restored with remoter districts still isolated.

Whole villages and farms had been engulfed. Thousands of houses, barns, buildings, mountain huts, power stations and other buildings had already been swept away, crushed or damaged by the roaring snow slides.

Interested in a cease-fire first? Mr Yong, who has been on a four-weeks' visit to Washington, is to confer with Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary. — Reuter.

The two days' casualty total was made up of 150 dead and 35 injured in Austria, 72 dead, 20 injured and 12 missing in Switzerland, and 30 dead including 15 children and 50 injured in Italy.

Over 40,000 people were estimated still cut off in the Austrian Alps alone. Some 50,000 rescue workers were cutting their way to them through the snow, clearing roads and railway lines.

Britain is sending Austria, Switzerland and Italy expressions of sympathy on the deaths and destruction caused by the avalanches in the three countries, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight. — Reuter.

South Korean Viewpoint

London, Jan. 23.

Mr Tori Chang Yong, the South Korean Minister in London, said on his arrival from the United States at London Airport today: "We must brand China as an aggressor as soon as possible. We are not

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



Commission On Internal Security

Washington, Jan. 23. President Truman today created a Federal Commission on internal security and individual rights to determine how national security can be protected without infringing on civil freedoms.

The nine-member Commission will be headed by Admiral Chester Nimitz, World War II naval hero and former Chief of Naval Operations.

The President said the group would make a "thorough examination of laws, practices and procedures concerning the protection of our nation against treason, espionage, sabotage and other subversive activities."

"The study will take into consideration the rights of individuals in an effort to seek the wisest balance that can be struck between security and freedom."

HARM FROM WRONG

"The mission will be considering all the aspects of the question of how this nation can best deal with the problem of protecting its internal security and at the same time maintain the freedom of its citizens. It will consider the harm that comes from the wrong kind of action as well as the good that comes from the right kind of action."

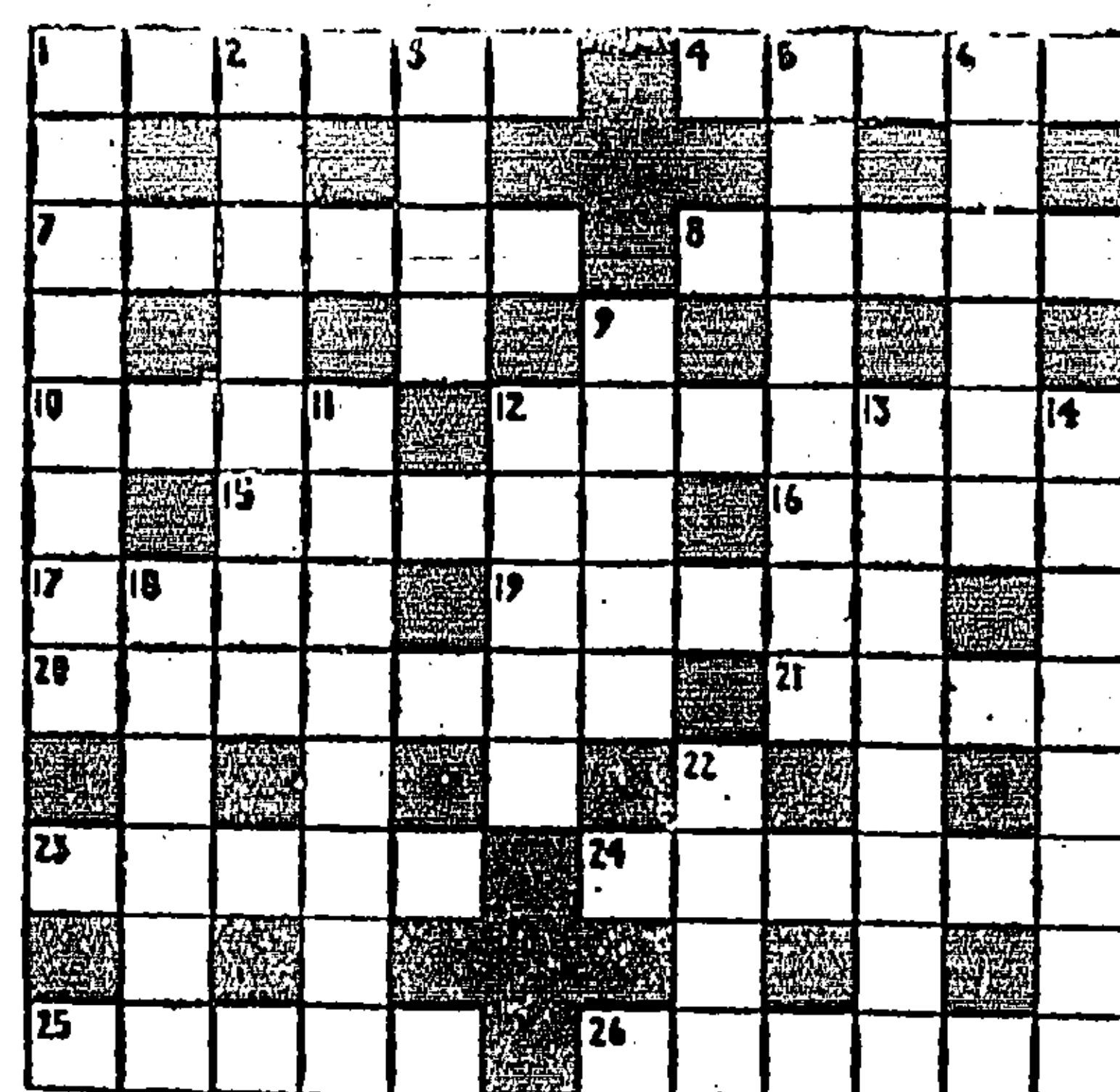
The President directed the Commission to recommend to him any changes in existing laws, practices and procedures which it deems necessary to achieve its goal. The President noted that the United States was taking vigorous action abroad to combat the expansion of "Communist imperialism" and added that a similar effort was needed on the home front "to protect our system of government against unconstitutional attacks and preserve our national security against treason, espionage, sabotage and other subversive acts designed to weaken or overthrow our government."—United Press.

The Old 'Un Wins Out

Sydney, Jan. 23. Chile's 73-year-old Consul-General, Mr Robert Dundas Smith, won a fight with an intruder he caught stealing a radio from his home in the northshore suburb of Killara.

The intruder was a young man but Mr Smith tackled him, wrestled for several moments, then knocked him over a chair. The intruder scrambled to his feet first and fled.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle

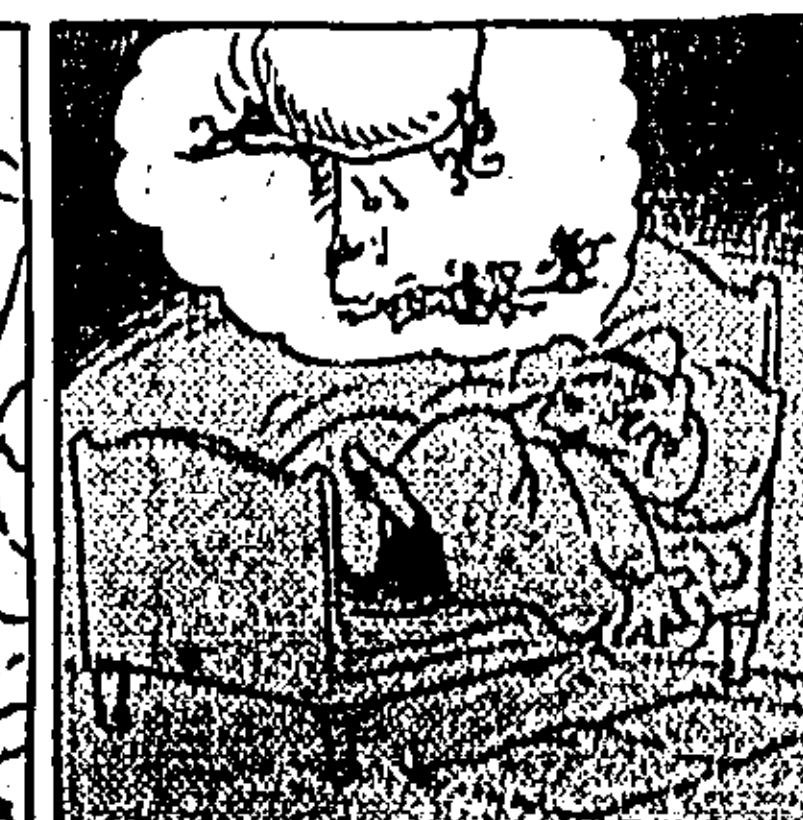


- ACROSS**
- Offshoot.
 - Fissure.
 - Nonsense.
 - Bury.
 - Close.
 - Glut.
 - Suit.
 - Shell-fish.
 - Abyss.
 - Lawful.
 - Gem.
 - Common fund.
 - Restrict.
 - Storeroom.
- DOWN**
- Banquet.
 - Frank.
 - Banter.
 - Friendly.
 - Gang.
 - Disadvantage.
 - Nap.
 - Scolded.
 - Forbear.
 - Foolish.
 - Parcelled out.
 - At work.
 - Arbiter.
 - Festive occasion.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Destroyers, 9 Aftaid, 9 Liberate, 11 Deviated, 12 Hurl, 13 Fever, 18 Siles, 19 Exit, 22 Wavering, 24 Retailer, 25 Aspire, 26 Throttle. Down: 1 Dandy, 2 Grave, 3 Dilates, 4 Edit, 5 Tied, 6 Opaque, 7 Shells, 10 Beret, 14 Vital, 15 Reverse, 16 Regret, 17 Winter, 20 Vivid, 21 Agree, 22 Wilt, 23 Veal.

FERD'NAND

His Trouble In-crases



Miss France 1951



Miss Nicole Drouin, winner of the "Miss France 1951" title, wears one of the dresses presented to her after winning the contest. The dresses presented were worn by Edwige Feuillere in the film "Olivier". (London Express Service).

U.S. Senate Calls For Branding Of Communist China

Washington, Jan. 23. The Senate today unanimously called upon the United Nations to declare immediately that Communist China is an aggressor in Korea.

The action came after Senator McClellan told members they never could look the "people in the face without blushing" unless they demanded that the United Nations act at once. The House passed a similar resolution last week.

Stung by the procedural delays which have stalled United Nations action on the United States' move to brand Red China an aggressor, Senator

after Senator warned the United Nations that its days are limited unless it acted strongly against the Communist regime. Senator McClellan said, "We have done a lot of talking around. The time has come to act."

The Senate waived its usual procedure of requiring Committee action first in order to speed the McClellan resolution to a decision. Senator McClellan in turn agreed to withhold the request for United Nations economic and military sanctions against Red China in order to let the Foreign Relations Committee consider the matter.

Senator William Knowland said that if Lake Success did not act at once against Communist China it would show that "if there are big enough aggressor nations, members are ready to shake their bloody hand."

He criticized the United Nations for moving at once against the North Korean Communists but holding off action against the Chinese Communists.

Senator Alexander Smith said the United Nations' delay on the American "aggressor" proposal was caused by fear. He urged member nations to screw up their courage and act.

After passage of the resolution, Senator McClellan immediately sought action on another proposal which would express the view of the Senate that Red China should not be admitted to the United Nations.

"The day Communist China walks into the United Nations, that day the United States should walk out," said Senator McClellan.—United Press.

P.I. Beginning Stockpiling

Manila, Jan. 23. The Philippine Government has ordered the immediate stockpiling of a number of products including rubber, petrol, cotton and foodstuffs.—Reuter.

BRITAIN SEEKS ELUCIDATION OF PEKING REPLY

London, Jan. 23.

Commenting on the Peking Government's reply to the United Nations note on a cease-fire in Korea, Mr Attlee said in the House of Commons tonight that the British Government believed that before it could interpret the Chinese reply, it must try to elucidate it.

Accordingly, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, instructed the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking to refer the Chinese Government to certain points in their reply and to request an explanation.

The most important issue was the reference to the cease-fire and on this point the Charge d'Affaires was informed that as the Chinese Government saw it there should be two steps in regard to conducting the war in Korea and reaching a peaceful settlement, Mr Attlee continued.

"The first step should be a cease-fire for a limited period which could be agreed upon at the first meeting of a conference of the powers, and immediately put into effect so that negotiations might proceed," Mr Attlee said.

"The second step in the Chinese view was to discuss a number of problems, among them the withdrawal of foreign (including Chinese) troops from Korea, proposals for the future of Korea, the withdrawal of American forces from Formosa and other problems concerning the Far East."

"We are therefore of the opinion that the United Nations should not, at this stage, take a new and important decision," Mr Attlee stated.

"The British Government welcome the proposal to set up a committee of good offices which will provide machinery for exploring every possibility of a negotiated settlement."

"We do not believe that the time has yet come to consider further measures. To do so implies that we have abandoned hope of a peaceful settlement, and this we have not done."

BASIC FACT

Mr Attlee said it appeared to the British Government that the basic fact to be faced with China was the emergence of a new government which was in

effective control of the mainland territory of China.

The Chinese intervention in Korea produced "a new and most serious situation which jeopardised the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations in Korea and threatened the success of our efforts to confine the conflict to Korea and to reach a stable position in the Far East."

The British Government welcomed the initiative taken by a number of Asian and Middle Eastern states in December to bring about a cease-fire in Korea in order to explore the possibilities of a negotiated settlement, he added.

The rejection of these free proposals on December 22, which coincided with strong military pressure endangering United States forces in Korea created an "obviously new and very dangerous situation."

COMMONWEALTH TALKS

The cease-fire committee then drafted a set of general principles which they considered might form the basis for a settlement in the Far East.

But before these principles were tabled at the Political Committee, the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth met in London in accordance with long standing arrangements.

"It was, I venture to think, of the greatest value that at this difficult stage in the development of the Far Eastern situation, the Prime Ministers of the free countries of the Commonwealth, representing so many forces and points of view, should have met in London to discuss international affairs and the maintenance of world peace," Mr Attlee said.

In point of fact much of their time was given to Asian affairs, he continued.

PROBLEM OF PEACE

He personally found it "encouraging and stimulating" to note the unanimity of purpose which animated them all.

"We all recognised that the problem of peace was that of removing the causes of war, of easing tension and promoting understanding, of assisting those less developed nations which needed our aid, and of being at all times willing to discuss our differences," Mr Attlee added.

Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, urged the Prime Minister to bear in mind constantly the "grave dangers which would fall upon us all should any serious differences arise between our policy and that of the United States" and if any serious breach in unity was allowed to be brought about by manoeuvres "which are obviously to the interest of Soviet Russia."

Labour member Mr Ellis Smith, and other Government supporters exclaimed, "We are not going to be dragged into war."

Mr Attlee replied, "Certainly we have in mind that it is of the greatest importance that we should preserve unity with the Commonwealth, the United States of America and all peace-loving nations and we have to be on our guard against attempts to divide us."

"At the same time, we should never abandon recklessly or thoughtlessly any hope there may be of a peaceful settlement in which the whole of the world is interested," Mr Attlee concluded.—Reuter.

CONVENTION AMENDMENTS OPPOSED

Lake Success, Jan. 23.

The United States, Britain and the Netherlands joined today in opposing amendments to the proposed preamble of the United Nations Convention on freedom of information. Objections voiced before the 15-nation committee re-examining the three-year-old text drawn up in amendment submitted by Egypt, Geneva were aimed at an India, Pakistan, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia.

The United States representative, Mr Carroll Blinder, declared that the amendment's language had disturbing implications and was significant only in light of the original language on which it was based—the proposal voted down yesterday.

The British delegate, Mr Hugh Overton, and the Netherlands representative, Dr A. Winteven, argued that the five-power amendment was badly phrased. The three opposing nations representing the minority viewpoint supported instead the text of a preamble proposed by Cuba, Ecuador and Mexico. This text expressed the desire of nations subscribing to the treaty for full co-operation with one another in promoting the fundamental rights of freedom of expression and free interchange of information and opinions.—United Press.

On Trail Of Diamond Ring

New York, Jan. 23.

The seizure of two Europeans attempting to smuggle \$1,500,000 worth of diamonds into the United States has set Federal agents on the trail of an international ring reported to be trading illegal United States gold for diamonds in foreign markets, according to the United States attorney, Frank Parker.

Parker refused to comment further on the investigation but said it was "significant."

Parker said that Federal agents were investigating unconfirmed reports that a mid-Manhattan diamond syndicate is acting in combination with an international syndicate in reciprocal smuggling operations.—United Press.

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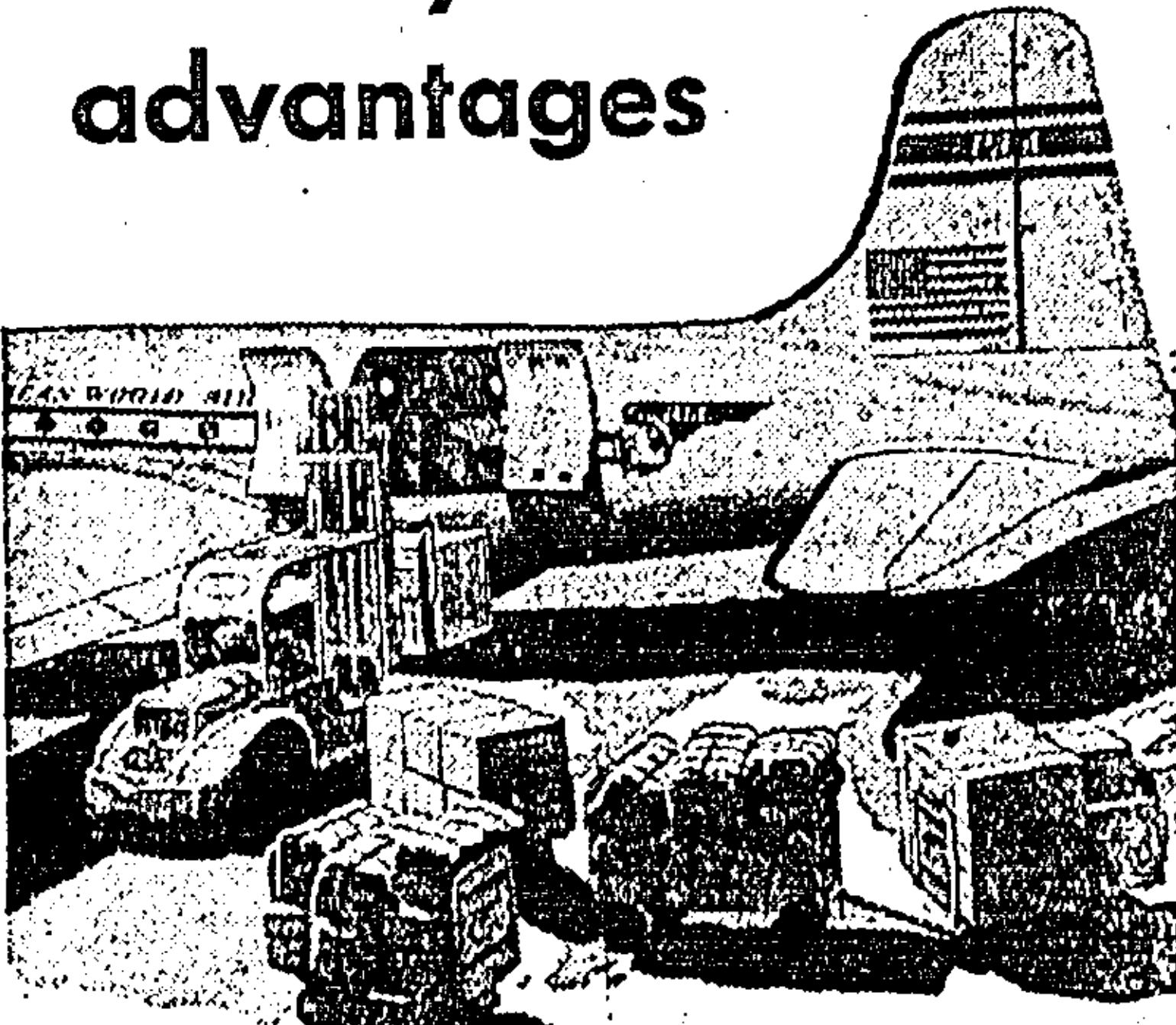
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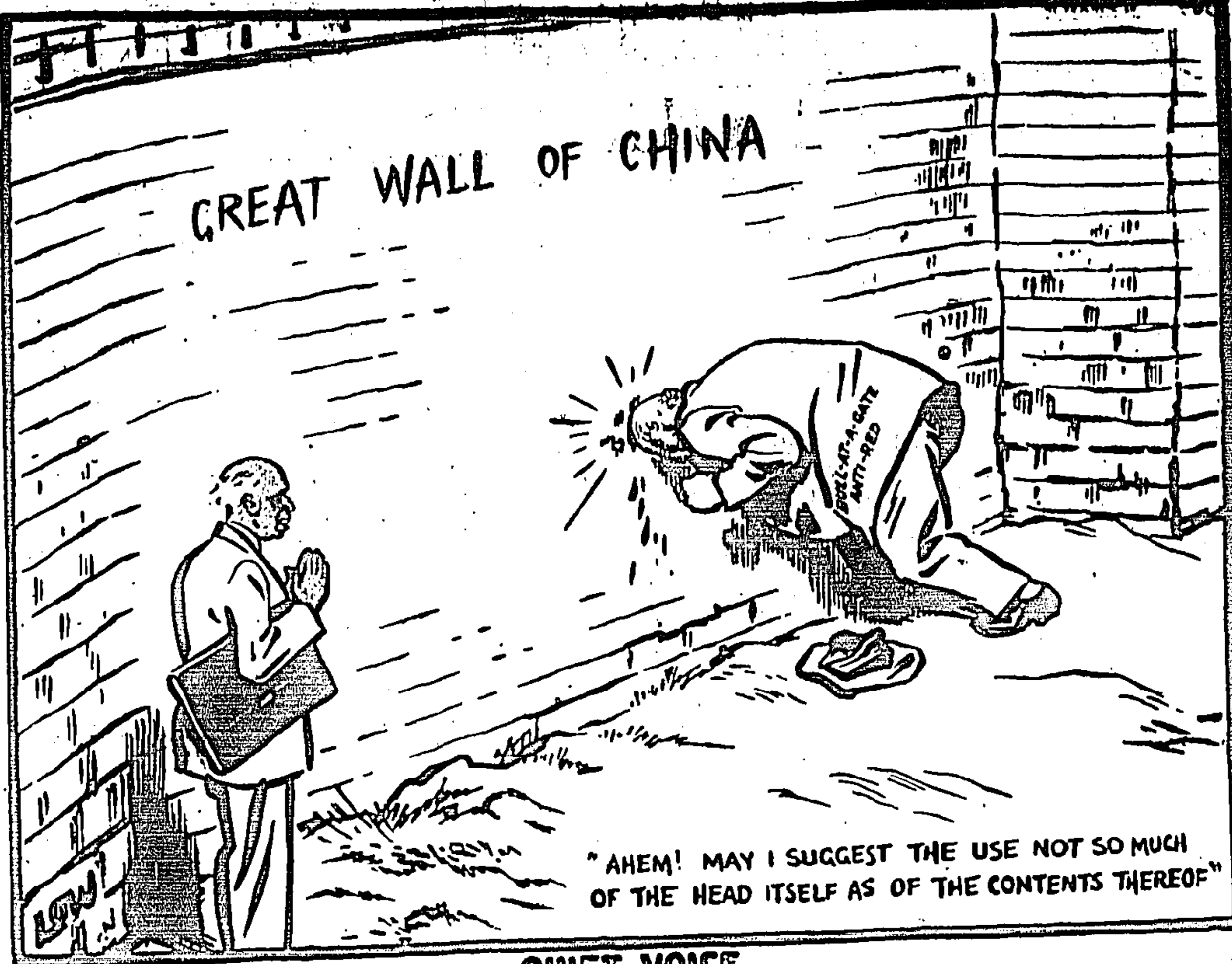
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QUIET VOICE

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Sitting on the Fence...by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

A Government White-paper
has announced that £35,000,000
advanced for the groundnuts
scheme has been written off.
"It's the taxpayer's money
(your money) which has been
poured into the arid soil of
Africa."—Leading article.

I MIGHT have bought
a little house
The cottage of my
dreams

But money saved to pay for
it
Has paid for groundnut
schemes.

I might have had a holiday
In Paris or Capri
If money earned had not been
spent
On nuts I'll never see.

I might have bought a motor-
car with shining wheels and
wings
A sailing yacht, a radio,
And lots of lovely things.

I might have bought a dairy
farm
With everything complete
If money earned had not been
spent
On nuts I'll never eat.

If they should start another
scheme
To spend my hard-earned pelf
I'll get into the Government
And run the scheme myself;

Oh, then I'll have my motor-car
With shining wheels and
wings.
My little house, my dairy farm,
And lots of lovely things.

A: This is a good idea so far
as your wife and family are
concerned. Tell them to "enjoy
the winter" by keeping out in the
fresh air all day, except on
Sunday, when your dinner must
be cooked. This is your only
chance of eating most of the
flu-resisting meat ration. More-
over, if your family is out all
day while you are in your warm
office, you will be saving fuel
and avoiding the worry of the
high cost of home heating.
Worry lowers body resistance
and leaves it unguarded against
infection.

Q: Are vitamin pills any
good?

A: Not for you. All the
vitamins necessary to bodily
health will be found in the
family rations you are eating,
and a good lunch in the City
six times a week. If you think
your family need them, your
doctor will provide prescriptions
for nothing.

Q: Are inoculations worth
while?

A: They were worth while to
me when I could charge for
them. Under the National
Health Service they are no good
to anybody, unless you want to
try a free experiment on your
wife.

Q: Suppose, after all precau-
tions, I get flu?

A: Stay in bed and make as
much fuss as possible. And don't
worry about feeling too ill to
make that early morning trip
to the larder. A heavy diet
when you are sick only makes
you worse.

Q: Suppose my wife gets flu?

A: Move into the nearest
hotel.

Make believe
world

A SCIENTIST (bless 'em all)
has discovered a way of
turning cheap drinks into win-
tine, and new wine into
old, by sound waves.

So it won't be long now be-
fore old eggs, by a reverse pro-
cess, are turned into new laid
eggs, ewe mutton into prime
Canterbury lamb, and fizzy
lemonade into Old Tokay.

In the future world of make
believe nothing will be real.
Few of us but scientists and
administrators will know what
we're eating, drinking, or even
doing.

When alchemists have made
banquets out of firewood and
fine clothes out of waste paper,
the hypnotist will come into his
own. He will be engaged by a
vote-catching Government dur-

ing by-elections to persuade
some homeless, flat-footed
drudge in a fish queue that she
is a lucky woman with a good
income and a town house in a
fashionable London square.

All the period furniture will
be imaginary, too. When the
hypnotist will persuade her she
is young and beautiful. Her
lovely figure will be clothed in
the latest during evening model
even though she is as naked as
the king in the fairy tale.

★ ★ ★

Switch on the imaginary
lights, madam. Your imaginary
guests are arriving.

There are all handsome, dis-
tinguished looking men in fault-
less evening dress. The buffet
table is laid with horse meat
turned into prime roast beef, a
cup of stale cod turned into a
smoked salmon; a heel of
mouldy cheese has become a
ripe Stilton.

Hand round the glasses of
paraffin which sound waves
have turned into cocktails. Lis-
ten to your imaginary witty re-
marks and their imaginary
witty replies.

Then open the bottle of spark-
ling dish water (now cham-
pagne) and watch the surprise
on their faces as they take the
first sip...

Yes, they do look a bit sur-
prised, don't they? Are you sure
your sound wave machine
(home model) worked properly?

Are you sure? Maybe it's dish
water after all. Maybe your
guests are real after all.

And heavens no wonder they
look surprised. And embarrassed,
too.

Maybe...why, maybe, ma-
dam, you're naked after all.
—(London Express Service)

FILM MEN SHOUT FOR STARS

From NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK.
ARE the stars over Holly-
wood growing old and
dollar-pale?

Yes, comes a cry out of
the film capital's darkness.
And it says that new star-
light, star bright, must be-
gin to twinkle quickly or
box-office dollars will
dwindle still more.

Brains (of the studio chiefs)
must produce new beauty
quickly.

The top five male stars, ac-
cording to a poll, are James
Stewart, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby,
John Wayne, and Clifford Webb.
All are over 45.

But what Hollywood really
wants is youthful female beauty.
For nine of the top actresses
will never see 40 again: Joan
Crawford, Marlene Dietrich,
Barbara Stanwyck, Claudette
Coburn, Gertrude Lawrence,
Greer Garson, Bette Davis, Irene
Dunne, and Gloria Swanson.

Marlene and Gloria are grand-
mothers.

The call for fresh starlight
comes from a film trade paper,
the Hollywood Reporter.

It says: "Why are so many
pictures being held up in pro-
duction? Lack of star names.
Every big studio is short of
stars."

"Only half a dozen men and
an equal number of girls mean
anything at the box office today.

Tomorrow it will be worse
unless our studios start star-
building on a greater scale than
ever before."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN does
not really want to stand for a
third term, says White House
reporter Edward Follard. What
he would really like to do would
be to take a long rest and be
a Senator again. But before de-
ciding he will consult an im-
portant unpaid adviser—Mrs
Truman.

THE MARITIME COMMISS-
SION is not convinced there is
going to be a war. Although 50
new fast freighters are being
launched to meet any submarine
menace, they will be called not
Victory or Liberty ships but
Mariners.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY is to
be given the job of building new
cities around new defence
factories. The Government
wants to spend over \$1,000
million to finance housing for
the workers. Much of it will
be in new cities under the plan
to disperse defence industries
inland.

HEALTH OFFICERS
whoedled saloon keepers at
Hackensack, New Jersey, into
trying the experiment of serving
beer in paper cups for one
afternoon. Patrons will have
to put up with it, say the
publicans. So many complain
of lipstick smears on the glasses.

CHAPMAN WINCHER COLUMN

CORA AND THE LONG LOW WHISTLE

PARIS. Britain's ultra-cautious Dr A.
CAN man build a robot brain with a mind of
its own—a machine that
will weigh up a situation,
reason it out, make a deci-
sion, and then act on it?

After listening for a week
to 300 robot-machine ex-
perts, doctors, and biolo-
gists, at a conference in the
Latin Quarter of Paris, I
believe the answer is "Yes."

I am satisfied that robot
brains already built can "think"
and that robots with superhu-
man mental powers will soon
be possible.

The astonishing antics of five
robots lead me to this view.

First there was—

CORA

Cora is a lightly, red-and-
black tortoise-like "creature,"
with a talent for party tricks.
Her ancestors were two bat-
tery-powered "tortoise," which
started scientists a year ago by
the realistic way they moved
about a darkened room in
search of light.

The behaviour of the new
robot is frighteningly lifelike.
She consists of only a few
ingeniously connected electrical
parts mounted on a tricycle
undercarriage, but she can
learn by experience like a dog,
and remember her lessons.

Show a hungry dog a piece of
meat and its mouth imme-
diately waters. Whistle each
time you give the meat, and the
dog's brain will associate the
whistle with the appearance of
food.

Eventually the dog's mouth
will water at the sound of the
whistle alone. Cora's "brain"
can associate ideas in the same
way.

When Cora's inventor, Bristol
brain-expert Dr Grey Walter,
flashes an electric torch, her
light-sensitive eye picks up the
beam and she moves towards
it.

If he whistles she takes no
notice at first. But after 20 ex-
periences in which the whistle
is quickly followed by the flash
of the torch Cora responds to
the whistle alone.

Robot No. 2 is—

MARY

Mary is a steady, sensible
type with a logical approach to
life.

CARLOS

Now this robot chess-player
from Spain, machine No. 5, is a
strictly honest type. When I
cheated in a move I made on
his brown and silver checker-
board Carlos objected by flash-
ing a light.

After I had cheated three
times he refused to play with
me any more.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



PICTURES of children, such as this, are universal favourites
with camera users. By including the wheelbarrow and toy in
this picture, the photographer has increased its interest and
appeal.

What Do You Shoot?

BECAUSE most people tend to
shoot the same subjects, most
popular, with mountains
trailing behind.

When it comes to subject matter,
people—as might be expected—
ran way out in front. Over
two-thirds of all snaps viewed
included people in them. And
the greatest proportion of peo-
ple were children in the "small
fry" class.

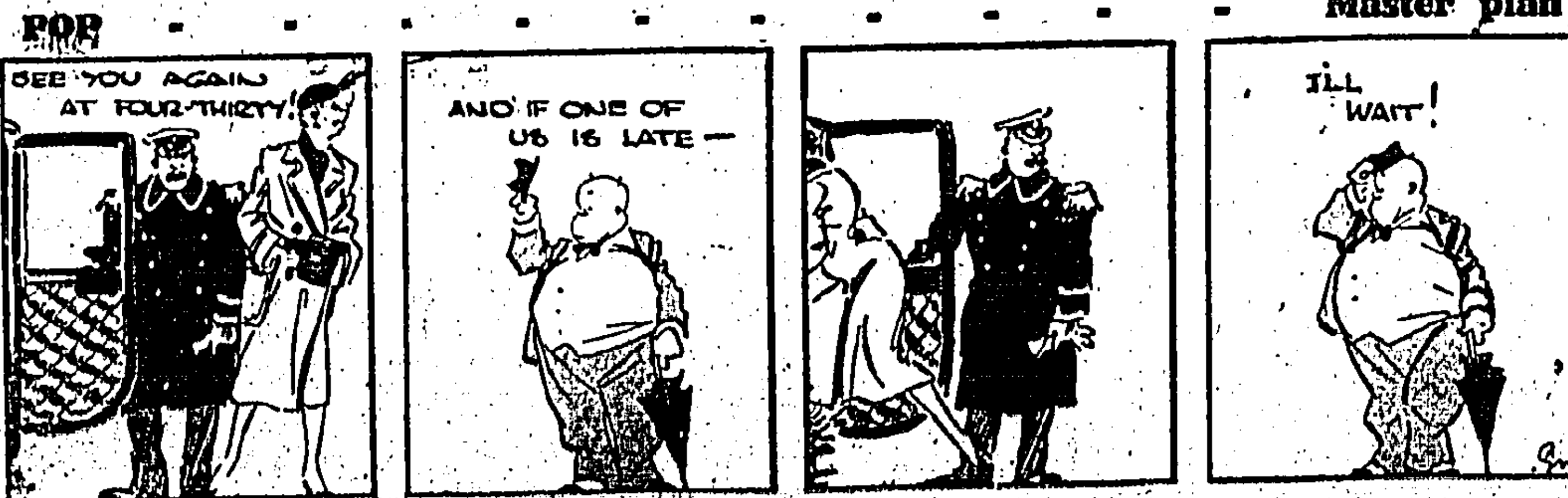
One of the surprising things,
however, was how many snap-
shooters failed to take advantage
of simple tricks for picturing
children. Over half the pic-
tures of children simply show-
ed a little child alone—not play-
ing, not engaged in any activity.

The object of the survey was
to find out what subjects pic-
ture-takers seemed to prefer
and where they made most of
their pictures. Thousands of
colour transparencies and prints
were studied, grouped in classes,
and tabulated.

You'll notice, of course, that
these were colour shots. Don't
discount the figures on that
score. Camera habits are pretty
much similar, whether the
camera is loaded with colour
film or with black-and-white.
It's a good bet that a
survey of black-and-white pic-
tures would result in about
the same figures.

As for the figures, they turned
up a number of interesting
facts. For one thing, about 40
percent of all pictures are taken
at home—which ought to con-
vince you that you don't need
to wander afield for subject
matter. More than 40 percent
too, were taken in places near
home—in parks, zoos, or gar-
dens. Among vacation shots,
beach and lake scenes were

most popular, with mountains
trailing behind.
Of pictures without people,
landscapes and scenes were in
the majority. Flowers, plants,
trees, and shots of people's
homes were other popular sub-
jects. All in all, the survey
seemed to show a lot of variety.
Enough to make you ask your-
self: how many of your own
pictures match up with other
people's?
—John van der Meer



Blind Voyage

By MILDRED SNOW GLEASON

Graham was a thoughtful. "I wonder who will prepare these mysterious envelopes containing instructions—and who will deliver them."

"That's what I'm going to find out," Hugo stated firmly.

"It may not be easy," Graham lighted a cigarette. "Shall we—er—work together?"

Hugo hesitated a moment, then nodded.

"I don't see why not," he said. "Then suppose you come to my cabin before you turn in, and we'll talk it over. Good—night, Miss Raynor."

Graham bowed, and walked away.

"Has it occurred to you," Hugo asked Teddy, in a low voice, "that it may be Graham himself who is at the back of this whole thing?"

"Then why did you agree to join forces with him?"

"I may put him off his guard."

"Well, in any case," said Teddy, with a shrug, "it's been a trying day, and I'm going to turn in."

They started towards the companionway.

Suddenly, Teddy gripped Hugo's arm. "Hugo! Did you see that? Someone there at the lounge window beckoned to us, then disappeared..."

At that instant they heard a short, muffled cry, then the thud of something falling.

They started running towards the lounge.

At first, when Teddy and Hugo entered the lounge, it looked deserted. Then they saw a woman lying on the floor near the port window. She was dressed in a maid's uniform.

Hugo knelt beside her. "Only fainting, I think," he said. "Better ring for someone."

Teddy moved towards the bell but, before she could ring it, a cool voice stopped her.

Teddy turned, saw Charles Winslow standing in the doorway.

Charles advanced into the room, and bent over the prostrate woman. Then she straightened and faced Hugo and Teddy, who were staring at her suspiciously.

"No need to have the whole boat know about this and get everyone excited," she said quietly. "Besides, she is coming to."

The woman groaned a little, and opened her eyes. For a second she looked bewildered and frightened, her eyes darting from face to face. Then suddenly her expression became blank.

She struggled to rise, and Hugo helped her to the couch. "I'm all right," she said sullenly.

"What happened?" asked Teddy.

"Nothing. But..."

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"Perhaps this will be an inducement..."

The stewardess was silent for a moment, staring at the bill.

"Very well, sir," he said finally. "It was Dr. Smitting. That is all I know, sir. I'm Graham handed him the bill, merely following orders."

"What's your name?"

"Marie Galgan."

"Well?" Teddy repeated.

"Listen, miss..." Marie began to speak quickly. "I have information which would be of considerable value to you."

"So that was it! Teddy kept her blank face, she asked coldly.

"Five thousand dollars."

Teddy was startled. Five thousand dollars! The woman certainly placed a high price on whatever information she imagined she had. However, Teddy hid her surprise.

"I'm not interested," she said calmly. "And, even if I were, I can't think of anything you could tell me that would be worth that much money."

"No?" The woman's eyes narrowed. "Listen, Miss Raynor, I worked for your father."

Teddy was again surprised. "What has that to do with it?" she asked.

The stewardess bent towards her and spoke slowly.

"Miss Raynor... I was one of the Golden Gulls."

Teddy's heart skipped a beat. The Golden Gulls again! All that Denis Graham had said, that day he had come to see her, flashed through her mind. Was the suspicion he had voiced true? Had this cruise been organized for the purpose of assembling the ex-members of that secret society? But Teddy was amazed that this stewardess should be one of them!

"You know about the Order of the Golden Gull, don't you, miss?" Marie asked tensely.

"Y - yes," Teddy admitted slowly.

"Well, like I just told you, I was a member!"

"What has that to do with this information you claim would be so valuable to me?"

"Wait till I explain," the stewardess went on, hurriedly.

"Miss, this cruise is connected with the Golden Gulls, and I know what it's all about! I suspected something funny when I got the ad. for the cruise. I've been a stewardess on ocean liners for years, and so I decided to apply for the job on this yacht—and was accepted."

Now I know I was expected to apply. You're telling me nothing new," Teddy bluffed. "I've known all along that the cruise was connected with the Golden Gulls. That's why I signed up for it myself."

"But, Miss, you don't know what I know!" Marie Galgan said urgently. "I've got information that would be very important to you."

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE:

Both Teddy (Theodora) Raynor and her childhood friend, Hugo Albright, receive strange letters from a Dr. Smitting, travel agency operator, soliciting their participation in a cruise aboard the yacht Golden Gull. Dr. Smitting tells them it is being privately sponsored by an eccentric who prefers to remain unknown. Denis Graham introduces himself to Teddy and tries to dissuade her from joining the cruise. He reveals that the Golden Gull was the name of a secret society of which his father was the head. Old Raynor had suspected a double-cross by a member of the society before his death. Graham points out the similarity of names and the queer way of selecting passengers make the scheme look sinister.

NOW READ ON

portant to you."

The stewardess broke off abruptly and looked apprehensively towards the door. Then she quickly stepped to it and flung it open.

There was a man just outside—a man whom Teddy had never seen before. As she stared at him in amazement he made a little bow.

"Gordon, miss," he said, in an oily voice.

Marie Galgan, with a furtive glance over her shoulder at Teddy, muttered, "I'll get the clean towels at once, miss," and hastily slipped out of the cabin.

The man, who was dressed like a valet, and had a sour, leathery little face, again bowed to Teddy.

"Pardon, miss," he repeated. "I was looking for Mrs. Stoddard, and I thought she might possibly be here."

"Who are you?" Teddy demanded.

"Mr. Stoddard's man, Hull, miss."

"Don't you ever knock?"

"I was just about to knock, miss, when the door opened."

Teddy bit her lip.

"May I see you, miss?" he asked submissively.

Teddy nodded.

As soon as he was gone, she rose and started out in search of Hugo. She must tell him of these latest developments. She ran into him coming down the corridor.

"Come into the cabin!" she said breathlessly. "I've things to tell you!"

Again inside the cabin, she rapidly told him about the stewardess and Hull, keeping her voice low. When she had finished Hugo frowned and ran a hand through his red hair.

"Hm," he said. "As for Stoddard's man, he may have been telling the truth—even though you don't like his face. Probably was."

"But what about Marie Galgan?" Teddy asked, impatiently. "What do you think of that?"

"That's not so nice," said Hugo. "The woman may know something, or she may not. My guess is that she was just bluffing, to get some money out of you."

"Do you believe she was a member of the Golden Gull society?"

"That part is probably true."

"Then, that would back up what Denis Graham told us," Teddy pointed out.

"Yes, it would," Hugo agreed. "As a matter of fact, I've begun to change my mind about Graham, anyway."

"So?" Teddy raised her eyebrows. "You're won over to him now, are you?"

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There are nine races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races — \$18.00) may be obtained at the Comprode Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday 26th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges, admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comprode Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comprode Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be loaned to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SALES

FROM KAY MURRAY, NEW YORK.

JANUARY is the month of sales in America. Bargains are varied, for nearly all goods are reduced in price.

Hordes of belligerent women mill around the counters, and, as in Britain, the survival of the fittest is the slogan. Most stores, however, usually manage to handle the crowds without the help of the police, and overnight queues are unknown.

Generally speaking the motto is "first come, first served," although saleswomen in some better class firms up off their account customers about the best bargains.

January is the big sales month, but many New York stores also have spanmode sales weeks throughout the year.

The latest genuine bargains this January have included Persian lamb coats reduced from \$320 to \$211, nutria-lined top coats from \$44.95 to \$33.95, double size cotton slacks from \$24.95 to \$19.95, and bath towels reduced from 7s. 2d. to 5s. 0d.

One store attracted larger crowds than the others with a newspaper advertisement: "Our prices are the same as before. No increase."

As most stores automatically raised their prices 10 percent from the beginning of the year, the honest advertising of a store, which stabilised its prices drew many housewives who ignore the shops advertising 20 percent reductions.

FROM HENRY THODY, PARIS.

PARIS housewives are no great believers in sales—nor is the French shopkeeper.

FROM GAVIN GORDON, BRUSSELS.

BELGIUM'S January sales are half-hearted affairs, for shop assistants are weary after the Christmas rush, which, in Belgium, includes the children's Christmas on December 6, Christmas itself, and the biggest shopping rush of all, which reaches its climax on New Year's Day.

A good deal of stock is reduced, as "end of the season" bargains, but if the staff are tired, then the shoppers are tired also, and there is seldom much enthusiasm for bargain hunting.

In this atmosphere there is no question of displaying special stock for the sales. Counters are being arranged for the spring months, and large sections of the department stores are inaccessible.

Of the reductions that are made during Christmas and into January, the majority seem to be in the smaller shops, to attract customers at an exceptionally competitive time of the year.

Perhaps the nearest thing to a "sale" in the British sense is found in the autumn braderies—the street-festivals complete with fairy lights, music from street corner amplifiers, window dressing competitions, and lotteries with prizes ranging from fur coats to cooking fat.

With the international situation, the rise in wool, cotton and other raw material prices, and with the fall in the value of the franc, any shopkeeper prefers to have manufactured consumer goods on his shelves, rather than 1,000-franc notes in his till.

French housewives who watch every franc are well aware of this. The exception to the rule is the fashion trade, for famous Paris fashion houses are already selling their smart winter models at drastic reductions.

Nothing is "deader" in Paris than last season's fashions, and with spring models about to be shown, winter creations are selling for a song.

Paris department stores still have their traditional sales, though this year genuine bargains are so few that extra police squads have not been called out to control the crowds. French housewives have found nothing to fight over.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS

"LA MARSEILLAISE" from Marseilles via Saigon 25th Jan.
"GRANVILLE" from Europe 5th Feb.

SAILINGS

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"LA MARSEILLAISE" to Japan via Manila 26th Jan.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" to Marseilles via Manila 9th Feb.
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ORDERS BOOKED.

Wall Street Swing To Higher Level

Market Spurts At The Close

New York, Jan. 23.
After struggling through a slow session, the stock market today managed to swing higher.

Most of the impetus for the rise was concentrated in the closing phases of the session. There was nothing outstanding in the news to call for a movement of prices in either direction, and traders appeared apathetic.

Gains and losses were mostly fractional. Five hundred issues advanced and 383 declined. Transfers were 2,080,000—smallest since Dec. 13.

Gainers included Pepsi-Cola, U.S. Gypsum, American Cyanamid, Douglas Aircraft, Consolidated Vultee, Telcel-graph.

Among the stumblers were Phillips Petroleum, Baltimore and Ohio, Dome Mines, United Aircraft.

Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 91.41
20 Industrials 245.80
10 Rails 82.83
10 Utilities 42.36.
—Associated Press.

ALLOTING NEW CARS IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 23.
Motor agents have now received guidance on the allocation of new cars. This follows the introduction of the two-year covenant.

Manufacturers were then directed that persons who had taken delivery of a new post-war car should be barred from getting another unless there were exceptionally good reasons. The onus was placed on the retailer, but no precise instructions were given.

Now, in a letter to its members, the Motor Agents Association states that it will be the responsibility of the retailer to obtain the following information before allocating a new car:

The number, make, type, age and condition of any other car owned by the customer.

What other cars the customer has owned and disposed of since the war, and the reasons for their disposal.

That the use for which the new car is required really is an essential use.

That the facts disclosed justify delivery.

These instructions are being made a condition of the supply of the manufacturers' vehicles to distributors and dealers.

Proposals By Cotton Council

Biloxi, Jan. 23.
Mr. Read Dunn, Jr., Foreign Trade Director of the National Cotton Council, which is holding its annual meeting here, said the Council is urging every effort to be made to check inflation, yet at the same time achieve the production that is vitally needed.

To check inflation, firstly production should be stimulated to balance supply and demand as much as possible; secondly, allocations should be imposed to control the distribution of scarce materials; and finally, higher taxes should be levied and stringent controls should be established.

Mr. Dunn said the cotton industry organization is working continually with State and Federal Agencies toward the attainment of the 10,000,000-bales cotton goal set by Department of Agriculture for this year. —United Press.

World Bank Loans To S. Africa

Washington, Jan. 23.
The World Bank today granted US\$30,000,000 in loans to the Union of South Africa to build up that country's transport and electric power systems.

Bank President Eugene R. Black announced at the same time that South Africa has arranged to borrow another US\$30,000,000 from U. S. private banks.

Mr. Black said in a statement it was "the first occasion where there has been simultaneous participation by private financial markets in meeting the capital requirements of our member countries."

He called it "most gratifying to us." —Associated Press.

World Bank Foreign Bonds In New York

New York, Jan. 23.
Foreign dollar bonds were mixed in today's trading.

Most interesting transaction of the session was the transfer of 2,100 par value bonds of the Chinese Government Railway five per cent issue at US\$100, a gain of 20. —Associated Press.

New York Bank Quotations

New York, Jan. 23.
Closing bank quotations:
Bank of America bid, asked
Chase National 57 1/2 57 1/2
National City 44 1/2 44 1/2
—Associated Press.

QUESTION ON MALAYA RUBBER IN COMMONS
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)
London, Jan. 23.

The question of shipments of Malayan rubber to Russia is to be raised in Parliament early in the new session.

The whole question of trade relations with Iron Curtain countries has undergone considerable re-examination since it was last discussed in Parliament as a result of Mr Churchill's attack on the Government for permitting shipments of strategic materials to Russia.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$190,570. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follow—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS 1220
THE BANK 100 100 630
INSURANCES 2.00 635 100 630
DOCKS, ETC. 7 12
K. Wharf 7 12
Provident 92 12
Wheelock 10 10 10 10
LAND, ETC. 0.30 670 1000 640
HK Land 32
Shui Land 1.05
UTILITIES 11.25 600 11.25
C. Light (O) 5.75 300 5.75
Electric (N) 3.50 2500 3.40
Electric 23.25 140 23
500 23 1/2
100 23 1/2
INDUSTRIALS 11.25 600 11
1000 11 1000 11.25
Rope 11 1/2
STORES, ETC. 10.00
Dairy (N) 0.25
Watson 20 1/2
Crawford 20
COTTONS 2.30 2.50
Ewo 2.30 2.50

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Jan. 23.
World sugar futures closed today 1 to 2 lower, with sales totalling 154 contracts.

Contracts No. 6 closed today unchanged 5 lower, with sales totalling 159 contracts.

Prices closed today as follows—

Contract No. 4 (World)
January 8.08 traded
March 8.08 traded
May 8.08 traded
July 8.08 traded
Spot 8.08

Contract No. 6
January 5.42 bid
March 5.42 bid
May 5.50 bid
July 5.50 bid
Spot 5.50
—United Press.

New York Rubber Futures

New York, Jan. 23.
The spot and futures market ruled quiet and easier in tone. The commodity exchange market closed 200 to 240 points lower, with sales of 10 contracts, all representing exchanges of contracts for physical rubber.

The spot market ruled dull with a price gap of 2 to 3 cents a pound separating buyers and sellers.

The holiday at Singapore reduced the volume of shipment offerings. Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot 71 1/2
March 62.50 bid
May 62.50 bid
July 67.50 bid
—United Press.

New York Black Pepper

New York, Jan. 23.
Black pepper futures closed today inactive and nominally unchanged. Dealers reported sporadic inquiry from grinders in the outside market but indicated that business generally remained on the quiet side.

Prices closed today as follows:—

January 1.70 nominal
February 1.73 nominal
March 1.80 nominal
May 1.90 nominal
—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling note (per £) 15.42
U.S. dollars (per \$1) 69.17
Indonesia guilders (per 100) 340
Siam ticals (per 100) 25.20
P.T.C. dollars (per 100) 16.63
P.T.C. dollars (per 100) 12.70

Exchanges In NY

New York, Jan. 23.
Closing foreign exchange:
Canada 04.87 1/2
Belgium 1.09 1/4
France 0.20 1/2
Holland 20.25
Switzerland 23.20
—Associated Press.

New York Metals

New York, Jan. 23.
Prices of the metal market closed here today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Grade A (99.60 per cent or higher)
New York, per lb. 176—
—United Press.

New Price Record At Wool Sales

Sydney, Jan. 23.
A new Australian price record for wool was established in Sydney today when 313 1/4 pence a pound was paid for superfine merino fleece from England.

This is three farthings a pound above the record made at Goulburn last week.

Today's market showed a good all round advance of five per cent over the previous day's sales with a further firming tendency for all grades of merino.

Most wool was again taken by Continental buyers.

A fair quantity went to Japan. A strong demand from America, which was evident on Monday, continued today. —Associated Press.

Split-Up Of Warner Corporation

New York, Jan. 23.
Stockholders of Warner Brothers Pictures will vote at the annual meeting on Feb. 20 on a plan for dividing the corporation into two separate units—a theatre company and a picture making company.

Under the reorganization plan, which grew out of a consent judgment agreed upon with the Justice Department, approval of holders of two-thirds of the stock must approve the split-up.

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